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ANALYSIS USING GENERIC CAPTURE SEQUENCES

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this application.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this application.



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003.

   Applicants request an extension of time for        from       .  
Enclosed is a check to cover the \$        fee.

  X   No additional fee is required.

  X   Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

No. of Claims After Amendment	Most Claims Previously Paid			Extra Claims			Additional Fee		
A. Total Claims	29	-	89	=	0	x	\$18	=	\$0
B. Ind. Claims	1	-	5	=	0	x	\$86	=	\$0
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 280							\$290	=	\$0
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)								=	\$0
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)								=	\$0
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)								=	\$0

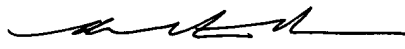
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/18/04

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